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For: **LOW-IMPACT METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING
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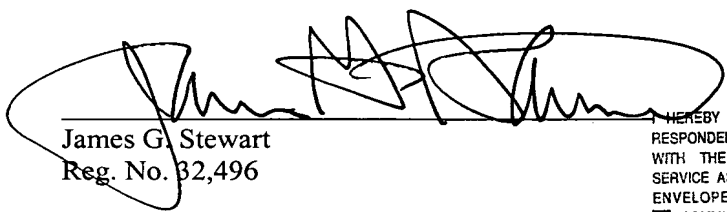
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2002.
Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and the
accompanying remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of performing maintenance on a network access server
having associated channels, the network access server being operatively coupled with a
service request switch, the method comprising:
- determining whether off-line maintenance is needed on a network access server and if
so then communicating a busy condition of any unused associated channel from the network
access server to the service request switch;
 - monitoring any used associated channel and waiting until the used associated channel
becomes substantially unused;
 - when the used associated channel becomes substantially unused, communicating a
busy condition of such then-unused channel from the network access server to the service

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